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In re Application of :  
Southern : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/422,803 :  
Filed: October 22, 1999 :  
Atty. Docket: 00263/PP/IR/ :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed November 14, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.182." This is not a final agency decision.

A review of the application file discloses that a terminal disclaimer was filed in the instant application on August 27, 2001 to obviate a double patenting rejection with U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,270. Petitioner herein requests withdrawal of the terminal disclaimer filed August 27, 2001 with respect to U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,270.

If timely requested, a recorded terminal disclaimer may be withdrawn before the application in which it is filed issues as a patent. Under appropriate circumstances, consistent with the orderly administration of the examination process, the nullification of a recorded terminal disclaimer may be addressed by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 requesting withdrawal of the recorded terminal disclaimer.

After careful review of the record, it has been found that there remains an obviousness type doubling patenting as between U.S. App. No. 09/422,803 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,270. Accordingly, the terminal disclaimer filed August 27, 2001 with respect to U.S. Pat. No. 6,054,270 will not be withdrawn.

This application is being directed to Technology Center 1600 for further processing.

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